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SUMMARY

As part of a program to determine design criteria for turbojet combustors, 47 experimental tubular designs embodying variable primary-air openings to control the fuel-air ratio in the combustion zone were investigated at simulated high-altitude operating conditions for a representative 5.2-pressure-ratio engine. The performance characteristics considered were combustion efficiency, operating range, and pressure loss.

Variable primary air had a marked effect on combustor performance; in order to maintain maximum combustion efficiency, it was necessary to increase primary-air flow as over-all fuel-air ratio was increased. The best experimental variable-area combustor operated with combustion efficiencies of 89 and 82 percent at cruise engine speed conditions, 56,000 and 70,000 feet of altitude, respectively.

At the cruise condition, the efficiencies of the best experimental model were as much as 25 percent higher than those of a reference production combustor of equal size. At full-rated engine speed, however, the efficiencies of the experimental model were 3 percent lower. Combustion efficiencies greater than 90 percent were not readily achieved and this can probably be attributed to the small size of the combustor.

At the 70,000-foot condition, the operable fuel-air-ratio range of one model of the variable-area combustor was three times the range of the reference production combustor. Use of variable primary air also reduced the detrimental effects of increased temperature rise on pressure loss.

INTRODUCTION

Design criteria for obtaining high combustion efficiency in turbojet combustors at high-altitude operating conditions are being investigated at the Lewis laboratory. As part of this program, the performance of 47 experimental combustors designed to improve fuel-air mixture conditions within the combustion zone by separate control of the primary air was investigated. Eleven models were chosen as representative and the results are reported herein.



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The over-all fuel-air ratio, at which a turbojet combustor must operate, varies with engine speed, altitude, and flight speed. The maximum fuel-air ratio of one current engine is about four times the minimum fuel-air ratio; this range may increase in future turbojet engines if improvements in engine design allow higher turbine-inlet temperature, hence higher fuel-air ratios. At both low and high fuel-air ratios, decreases in performance are frequently observed in turbojet combustors. For example, data presented in reference 1 indicate that at low fuel-air ratios, the use of large fuel nozzles with poor atomization reduced combustion efficiency in an annular turbojet combustor. A fact which may be attributed to an over-lean mixture condition in the combustion zone. At high fuel-air ratios, small nozzles with fine atomization also reduced the combustion efficiency, which is attributable to an over-rich mixture condition.

One experimental method of continuously controlling the primaryzone fuel-air ratio has been reported in references 2 and 3. The distribution of fuel along the length of the combustor primary zone was varied by means of a series of "staged" injection nozzles.

In the experimental investigation reported herein, the fuel-air ratio in the combustion zone of a turbojet combustor was controlled by varying the primary-air-flow rate. All the primary air was admitted at the front end of the combustor through variable openings. Fuel was introduced into a central primary-air opening and was finely atomized by the air (ref. 4).

The combustors were operated over a wide range of fuel-air ratios at air-flow, pressure, and temperature conditions corresponding to a 5.2-pressure-ratio engine operating at 85-percent rated speed at altitudes of 56,000 and 70,000 feet. In addition, limited data were obtained at two other air flows, one higher and one lower than the cruise air flow at 56,000 feet. Combustion efficiency, pressure-loss, and temperature-profile data were obtained with variable quantities of primary air. The effects of a number of design variables on combustor performance were investigated; these variables included fuel-injector design, air baffles, liner holes, and fuel dams (ref. 5). The 11 models chosen demonstrate the effect of these variables. No attempt was made to evaluate combustor durability, carbon deposition tendencies, or sealevel high-pressure performance.

Also as part of this investigation, the best models of the variablearea combustor are compared with several other experimental and production model combustors.

APPARATUS

Combustor Installation

The experimental combustor was installed in a duct connected to the laboratory air-supply and altitude-exhaust facilities as shown in figure 1. Combustor air-flow rates and pressures were regulated by remotely controlled valves located upstream and downstream of the combustor. Combustor-inlet air was heated by an electric heater.

Instrumentation

Air flows were measured by a concentric-hole, sharp-edged A.S.M.E. orifice installed upstream of the inlet-air control valves and air heater. Fuel flows were measured by calibrated rotameters. Instrumentation for sensing combustor-inlet and -outlet temperatures and pressures was arranged as shown in figure 1. The combustor-inlet-air temperature was sensed by bare-wire, iron-constantan thermocouples (station B, fig. 1); combustor-outlet-air temperature was sensed by single-shielded, chromelalumel thermocouples (station C, fig. 1). The 16 outlet thermocouples were so connected that individual readings or an instantaneous average temperature reading could be obtained. All thermocouples were connected to self-balancing direct-reading potentiometers. Combustor-inlet and -outlet pressures were sensed by total-pressure tubes (stations A and D, fig. 1) manifolded together at each station to obtain average readings. The combustor-inlet pressure and over-all pressure drop were indicated by an absolute manometer and a U-tube manometer, respectively.

Combustor

The basic features of the tubular combustor used are shown in figure 2. The air flow to the combustor was channeled into three paths. Two central paths fed primary air into the upstream end of the combustor. The inner primary air passed through a swirler into a swirl chamber and thence to a throat section where the fuel was introduced through radial holes drilled in a fuel disk. The air swirling past these holes atomized the fuel. The outer primary air flowed through an annular passage and converged on the inner primary-air current at the point of entry into the combustion space. Both the inner and outer primary-air flows were varied by axial motion of the throat section, which was attached to a movable sleeve separating the inner and outer primary-air passages. Secondary air flowed in the outermost annulus and completely bypassed the primary combustion zone except for small quantities flowing through louvers for cooling the liner walls. Four large air-entry slots at the downstream end of the liner were provided to obtain a relatively uniform temperature distribution at the combustor outlet.



During operation of the experimental combustor in the duct tests, the primary-air flow was adjusted by the mechanical positioner shown in figure 3. The variation of liner open area, expressed as the ratio of primary open area to total-liner open area, is presented in figure 4 as a function of the crank setting of the mechanical positioner.

Basic dimensions of the experimental combustor are shown in figure 3. The combustor had a maximum cross-sectional area of 0.267 square feet (7 in. diam). The over-all length of the combustor including the inlet diffuser, which contained the area-varying mechanism, was 31.3 inches. The distance from the plane of the fuel injector to the outlet thermocouples was 27 inches.

A total of 47 experimental combustor models was tested during the investigation. Among the variables studied were: fuel-injection method, primary-air admission, and liner configurations. For the discussion presented herein, a limited number of configurations has been selected to illustrate (1) the best performance obtained, and (2) observed trends in performance with design variables. Drawings of the models chosen are presented in figure 5; the model numbers indicate the order in which the data were obtained.

A variable-area, pintle-type nozzle (fig. 6) was used to inject fuel in combustor models 41 and 46. This nozzle was designed to overcome the poor circumferential fuel distribution normally encountered with pintle-type nozzles without sacrificing the wide-flow range inherent in this type of nozzle. The fuel is channeled into a predetermined number of "streaks" by the flats ground on the surface of the stem (fig. 6). These fuel streaks flow along the shaft, spread out on the tapered pintle, and are atomized in the air as they leave the sharp edge of the pintle. The original model of this nozzle produced the desired spray form (eight uniform streaks) from 7 to 1915 pounds per hour fuel flow, a 270 to 1 flow range (the limit of the test facility). This range was obtained with nozzle pressure drops from 95 to 395 pounds per square inch. For the experimental combustor models 41 and 46, the nozzle pressure drop was adjusted to a lower value and varied from 20 to 70 pounds per square inch over the range of fuel flows investigated (10 to 100 lb/hr).

Fuel

The fuel used in this investigation was liquid MIL-F-5624B, grade JP-4. Inspection data for the fuel are presented in table I.

PROCEDURE

Combustion efficiency and combustor pressure-loss data were recorded during operation of each experimental combustor model at one or more of the following combustor-inlet conditions:

Condi- tion	Total pressure, in. Hg abs	1	Air-flow rate per unit com- bustor area, lb/(sec)(sq ft) (a)	Simulated flight altitude in reference engine, ft
A B C D E	15 8 5 15	268 268 268 268 268	2.78 1.48 .93 2.14 3.62	56,000 70,000 80,000 56,000 56,000

^aBased on maximum combustor cross-sectional area, 0.267 sq ft.

These conditions simulate combustor-inlet conditions in a reference turbojet engine with a pressure ratio of 5.2, operating at 85-percent rated speed (cruise condition) and at a flight Mach number of 0.6. Air-flow rates at conditions A, B, and C are representative of current turbojet engines. Air-flow rates approximately 30 percent greater and 23 percent less than the reference conditions are presented by conditions E and D, respectively.

Sufficient data were obtained with each combustor model at several primary-air-flow settings to indicate trends in combustor performance. Data were obtained for most models at conditions A, B, and E; none of the models investigated would operate at condition C. In general, combustor performance was obtained over a range of fuel-air ratios from the lean blow-out point or a minimum temperature rise of approximately 300° F to the rich blow-out point or the maximum safe temperature for the exhaust-gas instrumentation.

Combustion efficiency, defined as the percentage ratio of actual to theoretical increase in enthalpy of gases flowing through the combustor, was computed by the method of reference 6. The average combustor-outlet total-temperature reading was used to calculate the enthalpy of gas at the combustor outlet; indicated temperature readings were not corrected for velocity or radiation effects.

Combustor total-pressure losses are expressed as the dimensionless ratio of the total-pressure loss to the reference velocity pressure (computed from the air flow, maximum combustor cross-sectional area, and combustor-inlet-air density).

Sample combustor-outlet temperature-profile data were taken periodically for each combustor model by recording individual thermocouple readings.

RESULTS

An investigation was conducted on 47 different variable-area combustor models in an effort to obtain optimum performance characteristics at high-altitude operating conditions. Results obtained with several models, selected to best illustrate the trends obtained, are presented in figures 7 to 13. Experimental data for the models are presented in table II.

The combustion-efficiency data obtained with combustor model 10 (fig. 5(a)) is plotted in figure 7 to illustrate the effect of varying the primary-air flow. The peak efficiency occurred at successively higher fuel-air ratios as the primary-air flow was increased. At test condition E (fig. 7(a)), the combustor was operated at only one primary-air setting; however, if data were obtained at other settings a similar trend would be expected. The data show that an optimum primary-air flow exists for each over-all fuel-air ratio. Values of primary-zone fuel-air ratio were not measured nor could they be readily computed since neither primary-zone pressure drop nor discharge coefficients of air openings were known.

The use of variable primary-air flow to extend the operable range of fuel-air ratios is illustrated in figure 7(d). Rich blow-out occurred at a fuel-air ratio of approximately 0.026 when the primary-air openings were set at 11 percent of total-liner hole area. By increasing the primary-air openings to 19 percent of total open area, combustion was maintained at a fuel-air ratio of 0.038.

Effect of Fuel Injector Design

Several of the 47 models investigated incorporated different methods of introducing the fuel. The effect of two fuel-introduction variables on performance are described in the following paragraphs.

Number of holes in fuel disk. - The combustion efficiencies of the combustors having a different number of holes in the fuel-injection disk are presented in figure 8. In figures 8 to 11, only those data obtained with primary-air-flow settings resulting in the highest efficiencies are presented in order to simplify the comparisons. At the milder test conditions E and A (figs. 8(a)) and (b)), the number and size of holes in the fuel disk had an almost negligible effect on the performance; however, at test condition B (fig. 8(c)), there is evidence of increase in

efficiency when fewer fuel-introduction holes are used. Preliminary data (not shown in fig. 8) indicated that size of fuel holes was relatively unimportant.

Air against mechanical atomization. - The combustion efficiencies of three models having mechanical atomizers installed and one model using air atomization (model 26) are compared in figure 9. In general, all the mechanical spray-nozzle models were characterized by a narrow operating range, even when the primary-air flow was varied. The small fixed-area nozzle (model 34) produced slightly higher efficiencies at low fuel-air ratios at test condition E (fig. 9(a)) and at the high and low ends of the fuel-air-ratio range at test condition B (fig. 9(c)). When a larger fixed-area nozzle (model 42) was used, the operating range was limited to high fuel-air ratios only, and combustion was very rough. The performance of combustor model 41 with the wide-range pintle nozzle (fig. 6) installed was about the same as that with air atomization, except at high fuel-air ratios at test condition E (fig. 9(a)) where air atomization produced considerably higher efficiency.

Effect of Primary-Air Baffles

In attempts to raise the combustion efficiency level of the variable-area combustor, baffles (fig. 5(c)) were attached to the fuel disk to cause major changes in the air-flow patterns in the primary zone. The slotted disk and V-gutter baffles (models 20 and 21) were designed to increase turbulence in the primary zone, and a plain cone-shaped disk (model 25) was designed to increase reverse flow in the center of the combustor. The fuel was atomized by air in these three models. Typical results obtained are presented in figure 10.

At test condition A (fig. 10(a)), models 20 and 21 burned with approximately the same efficiency as the basic combustor model 10. At test condition B (fig. 10(b)), model 20 burned with slightly higher efficiency than model 10, whereas model 21 burned with lower efficiencies. The plain disk baffle (model 25) performed with low efficiency at both test conditions.

Performance Characteristics of Best Models

Variable-area combustor models having improved performance characteristics were developed by adding new features to some of the models previously discussed. The combustion efficiencies of these models are presented in figure 11.

<u>High-efficiency model</u>. - A small pilot fuel spray was added inside the plain disk baffle of model 25 to provide additional fuel in this region. A row of 0.375-inch holes was added in the liner 6 inches

downstream of the fuel disk to increase the reverse flow of air in the primary zone. Finally, another row of 0.25-inch holes with fuel dams were added in the liner 3 inches downstream from the fuel disk to recirculate the fuel which had impinged on the liner walls. The combination of all these changes resulted in a combustor (model 29) having higher combustion-efficiency performance than any other model investigated over most of the range. For both air flows at a combustor-inlet pressure of 15 inches of mercury absolute (conditions E and A, figs. 11(a) and (b)) the combustion efficiency varied from 90 percent at a fuel-air ratio of 0.008 to 85 percent at a fuel-air ratio of 0.026. At condition B, 8 inches of mercury absolute (fig. 11(c)), the efficiency varied from 81 percent at a fuel-air ratio of 0.013 to 69 percent at a fuel-air ratio of 0.026. Although the highest efficiency was obtained with model 29 the combustion was characterized by rough burning.

Wide-range model. - Several changes were made in combustor model 29 in an attempt to increase the operable range at high fuel-air ratios and to increase the combustion efficiency. The combustor having the widest operating range (model 46) was similar to model 29 except that the small fixed-area pilot nozzle was replaced by the wide-range pintle nozzle and four smaller fuel holes were used for air atomization (fig. 5(d)). These changes allowed a large percentage of the fuel to penetrate further downstream in the combustor.

At high fuel-air ratios at test condition B, the performance of model 46 was better than all other models in both range and efficiency (fig. ll(c)). Blow-out occurred at a fuel-air ratio of 0.041, where the efficiency was approximately 60 percent. The range at the other conditions A and E was about the same as that of model 29; however, the efficiency level was somewhat lower. Model 46 was also characterized by rough burning.

Combustor total-pressure loss. - Typical total-pressure-loss data, obtained with several variable-area combustors with plain disk baffles are presented in figure 12. The pressure-loss data are plotted as a function of combustor-inlet to -outlet density ratio. At a constant primary-air setting, pressure drop increased linearly with density ratio. When the primary-air flow was increased by increasing the area of the air openings, the pressure drop was reduced.

A curve representing the pressure loss of model 29 at test condition E and at the primary-air settings required for maximum combustion efficiency is shown in figure 12(a). If a constant area setting of 11 percent primary air were used (equivalent to a fixed-geometry combustor), the total-pressure loss would increase from approximately 20 to 25 times the reference velocity pressure for an increase in density ratio across the combustor from 1.0 to 3.2. With variable-air admission (model 29), the pressure loss was only 21 times the reference velocity

pressure at the density ratio of 3.2 (equivalent to a combustor temperature rise of 1400° F), a decrease of 16 percent from the fixed-areasetting curve.

Temperature profile. - A typical combustor-outlet temperature profile for the high-efficiency model 29 is presented in figure 13. In general, the temperatures were uniform within $\pm 200^{\circ}$ F, although occasionally an eccentric profile was recorded. The eccentricity was usually caused by misalinement of parts in the primary-air passages, or eccentricity of the liner at the combustor outlet.

DISCUSSION

Combustor Design Variables

The results of this investigation showed that, by continuously varying the primary-air flow, it was possible to achieve nearly constant combustion efficiency over wide ranges of fuel-air ratio. The design features incorporated into the combustor permitted the primary-zone fuel-air ratio to be maintained at a near-optimum value at all operating conditions.

From a consideration of the design of the variable-area combustor and the results obtained with the various experimental models investigated, several trends are indicated that may be useful in the design of turbojet combustors.

Fuel introduction. - When air atomization alone was employed, fewer holes in the fuel disk improved performance. This result tends to substantiate the theory that alternate air-rich and fuel-rich regions in a combustor primary zone aids combustor performance (ref. 7). Although no marked effect of hole size on performance was noted, there are limits on the size that can be used. If small holes are used, fuel cannot be supplied over the complete range of operation of an engine without excessive fuel system pressures, or if the holes are very large, performance will probably decrease and vapor-lock problems will increase. Similarly, there are size limits for the fixed-area spray nozzles used in some configurations. For example, the fixed-area nozzle of combustor model 34 was too small to permit operation over the complete range of engine conditions, whereas the large nozzle in combustor model 42 allowed combustor operation at high fuel-air ratios (fig. 9) but provided insufficient atomization at low fuel flows.

It was found that for the experimental combustor configurations investigated, air and mechanical atomization of the fuel gave approximately equal performance; the best performing models (29 and 46) used a combination of the two. These results suggest the use of primary air



to aid atomization of poorly developed sprays now obtained with conventional fixed-area spray nozzles at low fuel flows. Photographs of liquid sprays obtained in a tubular turbojet combustor (ref. 8) are further evidence of the extent to which air flows may aid atomization.

Rough burning in the variable-area combustor (table II) usually occurred at lean primary fuel-air ratios although occasionally it would occur at the rich end. In model 42, with the large fixed-area nozzle, the burning was very rough probably because of the poor atomization. The rough burning encountered in the best models (29 and 46) appeared to be associated with the use of fuel dams, which may have influenced the fuel preparation or the air-flow patterns in the primary zone.

Air-flow patterns. - The use of baffles in the primary zone markedly affected combustion efficiency (fig. 10). The slotted-disk baffle (model 20) and the V-gutter baffle (model 21) were designed to increase turbulence in the primary zone. The difference in performance may be accounted for by the different degrees of turbulence created by the two baffles. The plain-disk baffle (model 25) was designed to promote reverse flow in the center of the combustor primary zone. A small fuel spray was required inside the baffle to provide a hot piloting region. Additional liner holes and fuel dams were required to further promote reverse flow and mixing of the fuel and air in the primary zone to achieve the high combustion efficiency of model 29.

The results obtained with the variable-area combustor models investigated indicate that both air-flow patterns and fuel introduction affect the results obtained and that both must be varied to achieve the optimum configuration. The best models (29 and 46) were developed by this technique.

Control system. - The over-all fuel-air ratios (100-percent combustion efficiency assumed) required for operation of one current turbojet engine at a flight Mach number of 0.6 are presented in figure 14. Higher fuel-air ratios are required at high engine speeds but they occur at lower fuel-flow rates as altitude is increased. The shape of the curves also changes with flight speed. The design principle of the variable-area combustor is to increase primary-air flow with increase in these over-all fuel-air ratios to maintain primary-fuel-air ratio near optimum values.

No single engine variable shown in figure 14 (fuel flow, engine speed, altitude, or flight speed) can theoretically be used as a precise signal source to actuate the primary-air-flow control mechanism if the variable-area design principle is to be used in an engine. Such a precise control signal would have to be obtained from a combination of engine variables; such as fuel flow and combustor inlet-air density, or engine speed, altitude, and flight speed.

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The data presented for several models of the experimental variablearea combustor show that maximum combustion efficiency is obtained only
when the proper amount of primary air is provided; however, in some
models maximum efficiency is obtained over a considerable portion of the
fuel-air-ratio range at one primary-air-flow setting. This suggests the
possibility of a two- or three-position control for primary-air setting
instead of continuous control or use of a single variable such as engine speed to provide a signal source. The off-design performance may
not be seriously lowered by this method. Figure 15 illustrates one possible method for utilizing a control signal to vary the primary-air openings in the combustor. The bellows assembly is linked to the throat
section by the movable sleeve. The control pressure signal acts on the
bellows area to adjust the throat section and maintain the optimum quantity of primary-air flow.

Performance of Best Variable-Area Combustor

The combustion-efficiency performance of model 29 variable-area combustor is compared with that of several other experimental combustors (refs. 5, 9, and 10) and with a reference production combustor, all of approximately the same nominal size, in figure 16. Two lines of constant combustor temperature rise are also shown in figure 16 to represent engine cruise operation (680° F) and maximum engine speed (1180° F) conditions. These lines show the increase in fuel-air ratio that is required when loss of combustion efficiency occurs. The data indicate, in general, that all the experimental combustors represented have efficiency levels near 90 percent at test conditions A and E (pressure, 15 in. Hg abs). Greater differences in performance are exhibited at the more severe test condition B (pressure, 8 in. Hg abs); the efficiency of the prevaporizing combustor (ref. 9) was from 3 to 11 percentage points higher than that of the variable-area combustor. It is also noted in figure 16 that all the experimental combustors operated with efficiencies higher than that of the reference production combustor, particularly at lean fuel-air ratios and at low pressures. The efficiency of model 29 was as much as 25 percent higher than that of the reference production combustor at the engine cruise conditions. At maximum engine speed conditions, however, the efficiency of model 29 was about 3 percent lower. All the experimental combustors were, however, designed without regard for other combustion-chamber problems such as durability, carbon deposition tendencies, and ease of manufacture.

The range of fuel-air ratios over which model 29 would operate was only slightly greater than that of the reference combustor (fig. 16). Modification of the fuel-introduction system of model 29, however, resulted in a configuration (model 46) that operated at fuel-air ratios from 0.007 to 0.041 at test condition B (fig. 11(c)). This operating range is about three times that of the reference combustor (0.014 to 0.027) at the same test condition. The combustion efficiency of model 46 was about 3 to 5 percent lower than that of model 29 over much of the operating range.

The fact that all the experimental combustors represented in figure 16 have approximately the same performance indicates that combustor performance may be limited by the size of the combustor. Data obtained with combustors of different size substantiate this possibility. A relation between combustion efficiency and combustor size, as expressed by the hydraulic radius of the combustor liner at the point where the undisturbed fuel spray strikes the liner walls, is presented in reference ll. The comparison of different combustors was made at operation conditions of equal severity as expressed by the parameter $V_{\rm r}/P_{\rm i}T_{\rm i}$ (where $V_{\rm r}$ is the combustor reference velocity, calculated from inlet density, mass-flow rate, and maximum combustor cross-sectional area, ft/sec; $P_{\rm i}$ is the combustor-inlet static pressure, lb/sq ft abs; and $T_{\rm i}$ is the combustor-inlet temperature, $O_{\rm R}$).

Values of combustion efficiency and hydraulic radius for several experimental and production combustors, including those of reference 11, are presented in table III for two values of the severity factor $(V_r/P_iT_i$ equal to 100 and 248×10⁻⁶). The combustion-efficiency data shown in table III were obtained from the faired curves of reference 12 (based on the reciprocal of $V_r/P_i T_i$) and from the other reference sources at a combustor temperature rise of 680° F, which is representative of the current requirement for engine cruise operation. At the high value of V_r/P_iT_i , the performance is also shown for a temperature rise of 1180° F, which represents the requirements for maximum engine speed. These data are plotted in figure 17. The major objective of the experimental combustors was high combustion efficiency at low pressures and the results (fig. 17) show that most of these combustors have efficiencies well above the production combustors at both values of V_r/P_iT_i . The curve faired through the experimental data for combustors having the highest efficiencies suggest that the maximum performance attainable is limited by the size of the combustor. The variable-area combustor data point is near the upper curve at both severity factors; thus its performance may also be limited by its size. The lower production combustor curve in figure 17(a) was obtained from reference 11. general, for both production and experimental combustors, efficiency increases with increase in hydraulic radius. The curves indicate that a hydraulic radius of 2.0 inches or greater is required to achieve 100percent efficiency at the lower severity factor with the fuels and equipment now being used.

In figure 17, the scatter of the data is greater at the more severe condition, which indicates the difficulty of achieving high efficiency at high values of V_r/P_iT_i . The effect of combustor length is not considered here and may account for some of the spread of the data.

The effect of combustor temperature rise on combustion efficiency is illustrated in figure 17(b) by the tailed symbols. In general, the efficiency decreased from 8 to 14 percentage points as the temperature rise increased from 680° F (upper faired curve) to 1180° F. Data for a similar increase in temperature rise was available for only one production combustor (table III). This combustor showed an increase in efficiency from 57 to 71 percent for the increase in temperature rise. Its performance was thus close to the best of the experimental combustors of the same nominal size at the higher value of temperature rise. The decrease in efficiency with the decrease in combustor size is not yet well understood. Some possible factors are wall quenching effects, fuel impingement on the walls, or fuel and air mixing limitations due to combustor size.

Pressure loss. - It is shown (fig. 12) that the pressure drop could be decreased with increased density ratio (or temperature rise) when the primary-air openings were varied for maximum combustion efficiency. If continuous control of the primary-air areas were used instead of stepwise changes, it appears possible that the combustor pressure loss could be maintained at a nearly constant value over the complete range of fuelair ratios.

The pressure losses of the variable-area combustor investigated were higher than current practice (isothermal pressure drop of a representative production combustion is 12.0). Nevertheless, it is believed that proper redesign of the front end of the combustor would result in marked reductions in pressure loss.

Temperature profile. - The data presented indicate that it is possible to obtain a flat temperature profile even though all the secondary air enters in only the last 5 inches of the liner. Since all the fuel and primary air enters at the upstream end of the combustor liner, a relatively uniform temperature profile is probably achieved by the time the hot gases reach the secondary-air slots. It is believed that control of combustor-outlet temperature profile could be attained by simple changes in the secondary-air openings.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Variable primary-air flow has been shown to be another method of extending the rich limit of combustion in addition to fuel staging; however, either method involves a more complex combustor design and a more complex control system to regulate the new variable. This complexity must be weighed against possible gains that the data indicate.

The major advantage of the variable-area combustor was the extension of high efficiency over greater fuel-air-ratio ranges. The combustor failed, however, to perform with efficiencies much higher than 90 percent, which was attributed to the small size of the combustor.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

An investigation was conducted with experimental combustor designs incorporating a means of varying the primary-air flow. The performance of the best configurations at high-altitude operating conditions are summarized in the following paragraphs. The values quoted for simulated flight performance refer to combustor operating conditions in a typical 5.2-pressure-ratio turbojet engine at a flight Mach number of 0.6.

- 1. The primary-air flow markedly affected combustion efficiency. Maximum efficiency was obtained with increased primary-air flow as overall fuel-air ratio was increased.
- 2. Combustion efficiencies obtained were as high as 89 percent at cruise speed at 56,000 feet and as high as 82 percent at 70,000 feet. At the cruise condition, the efficiencies of the best experimental model were as much as 25 percent higher than those of a reference production combustor of equal size. At full-rated engine speed, however, the efficiencies of the experimental model were 3 percent lower.
- 3. The range of fuel-air ratios over which the combustor would operate without blow-out was increased with use of variable air admission. At the 70,000-foot condition, the fuel-air-ratio range of one combustor model (model 46) was three times the range of a reference production combustor.
- 4. The increase in combustor pressure loss with increase in combustor temperature rise was reduced when variable primary-air admission was used. The pressure-loss level, however, was higher for the models investigated than for current production combustors.

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TABLE I. - FUEL ANALYSIS

Fuel Properties	MIL-F-5624B (JP-4) (NACA fuel 52-53)
A.S.T.M. distillation D86-46, OF	
Initial boiling point	136
Percent evaporated	
5	183
10	200
20	225
30	244
40	263
50	278
60	301
70	321
80	34.7
90	400
Final boiling point	498
Residue, percent	1.2
Loss, percent	0.7
Aromatics, percent by volume	
A.S.T.M. D875-46T	8.5
Silica gel	10.7
Specific gravity	0.757
Viscosity, centistokes at 100° F	0.762
Reid vapor pressure, lb/sq in.	2.9
Hydrogen-carbon ratio	0.170
Net heat of combustion, Btu/lb	18,700

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TABLE II. - EXPERIMENTAL DATA

Run	Combus- tor orank setting	Combustor- inlet to- tal pres- sure, P ₁ , in. Hg abs	Combustor- inlet to- tel tem- perature, Ti, Op	Air- flow rate, lb/sec	Air-flow rate per unit area, lb/(sec) (sq ft)	Combustor reference velocity, V _r , ft/sec	flow	Fuel- air ratio	Hean combustor- cutlet to- tal tem- perature,	Mean combus- tor tem- perature rise, Op	Combus- tion ef- ficiency, percent	Total pressure- loss through combustor, in. water	Remarks
						_	1 10						
710 711 712 713 714		7.9 7.9 8.0	268 265 272 266 271	0.397 .395 .396 .397	1.487 1.480 1.484 1.487 1.476	103.4 102.5 102.5 101.9	28.7 26.0 22.5 29.6 28.7	0.0201 .0183 .0158 .0207	1185 1150 1075 1200 1225	917 885 803 934 954	65.7 89.2 72.0 65.1 68.1		
715 716 717			271 270 272	.398 .403 .404	1.490 1.509 1.514	102.8 103.9 104.6	31.5 35.0 37.0	.0220 .0241 .0255	1255 1240 1220	984 970 948	65.1 58.7 54.4	===	(a.)
718 719 720 721 722 723 725 726 727 728 729	5	5.0 8.1 8.2 7.9 5.0 7.9 5.0 7.9	268 270 268 268 266 265 276 286 270 274 264	.405 .597 .402 .599 .400 .598 .398	1.517 1.487 1.505 1.495 1.499 1.490 1.490	103.9 102.4 102.1 102.4 104.0 101.9 102.2 102.1 103.9 103.2 101.8	51.5 48.0 46.5 43.5 40.5 38.0 34.7 31.7 26.4 25.0	.0553 .0344 .0321 .0303 .0272 .0272 .0242 .0221 .0198 .0187	1210 1240 1350 1355 1280 1320 1270 1240 1205 1170 1090	944 970 1062 1059 1014 1055 994 974 974 896 826	40.1 42.3 49.5 52.1 53.4 57.2 60.0 63.9 68.8 72.8	15.0 15.1 15.1 12.6	(b)
730 731 732		8.0 5.0 	262 269 			101.5 102.5	20.0 35.2 37.7	.0139 .0246 .0263	1005 1280 ——	743 1011	74.5 60.4	12.5 12.8 	(a)
733 734 735 736 737 737	5	8.0 6.1 8.0	266 269 265 264 266 268	-398	1.491	102.1 102.5 100.7 101.8 102.1 102.4	43.6 40.0 46.5 49.1 47.6 52.0	.0304 .0279 .0324 .0342 .0352 .0362	1340 1325 1330 1250 1270 1210	1074 1056 1065 986 1004 942	52.7 56.0 49.2 43.1 45.2 39.1	11.5 11.5 11.4 11.5 11.6 11.6	
739 740 741 742 743	6	8.0 8.1 8.0 8.0	254 272 270 266 266	.397 .395 .397 .397 .396	1.487 1.479 1.487 1.487 1.483	101.6 102.1 101.1 102.1 101.6	52.0 59.5 45.2 48.4 53.9	.0364 .0278 .0316 .0338 .0378	1325 1400 1470 1360 1320	1061 1128 1200 1092 1054	44.0 60.4 57.2 48.6 42.4	11.2 11.0 11.1 11.2 11.2	{ b }
744 745 746 747 748 749	2.5	8.0 7.9 8.0 7.9	272 270 270 264 268 272	.398 .395	1.491 1.479	105.0 105.1 101.9 101.0 101.6 105.4	34.9 38.7 47.0 53.0 29.8 25.4	.0244 .0272 .0331 .0232 .0210	1260 1180 1070 1280 1250 1185	988 890 800 1016 982 913	59.4 48.0 35.9 63.9 68.0 73.3	12.0 11.8 11.8 11.6 11.7 11.6	
750 751 752 753 754	,	15.1 15.1	271 270 272 271 270	.573 .570	2.146 2.135	78.93 78.82 79.04 78.00 77.89	51.2 47.5 43.4 46.0 55.7	.0248 .0230 .0211 .0224 .0272	1595 1525 1450 1500 1690	1324 1255 1178 1229 1420	79.5 81.0 82.2 80.7 78.9	15.8 15.6 15.4 15.2 15.4	
755 756 757 758		15.0	268 265 270 272			78.20 77.67 78.41 78.63	38.5 35.7 35.0 29.0	.0192 .0174 .0161 .0141	1390 1295 1230 1140	1122 1030 960 868	84.8 85.2 85.4 87.0	12.6 12.4 12.4 12.2	(A) (A) (A) (A) (A) (A) (A) (A) (A) (A)
759 760 761 762 763	5	15.0 15.0 15.1 15.0 14.9	271 272 267 272 264	.570 .565 .570	2.135 2.116 2.135	78.29	43.1 46.2 51.0 57.3 40.0	.0210 .0225 .0249 .0281 .0195	1460 1540 1640 1740 1410	1189 1268 1373 1468 1146	83.1 83.2 82.6 79.0 85.6	11.0 11.2 11.5 12.2 10.8	(b)
764 765 766 767	10	15.0	264 270 - 267 266	.570	2.135	78.41	39.5 35.5 32.5	.0192 .0175 .0158	1395 1290 1205 1415	1131 1020 838 1149	85.5 84.8 84.5	10.8 10.5 10.2 10.8	(b)
768 769 770 771	Ĭ		271 272 269 265	.565	2.116		35.5 44.9 49.7 54.9	.0173 .0218 .0242 .0270	1300 1510 1620 1730	1029 1258 1351 1465	85.6 83.5 83.1 82.0	10.7 10.9 11.0 11.2	20000
772 773 774 775 776		15.1 15.0	271 268 267 271 256	-735	2.753	100.6	50.1 48.3 45.8 39.2 54.4	.0190 .0175 .0168 .0148	1375 1310 1245 1185 1075	1104 1042 978 914 809	84.7 85.8 84.5 87.5 87.3	21.2 21.4 21.2 20.9 20.5	
777 778 779 780			264 270 271 268	-750 -755 -750 -755	2.754 2.753 2.754 2.753	101.1 100.8 100.9	51.7 85.2 61.6 65.5	.0121 .0208 .0235 .0248	1025 1455 1525 1550	761 1185 1254 1282	88.0 83.2 79.2 77.0	20.0 21.7 22.1 22.3	
781 782 783 784 785 786 787	5	15.0	266 264 269 265 272 267 266	.730 .735 .730 .735	2.754 2.755 2.754 2.755 2.755	100.3 100.3 100.4 101.4 100.7	65.2 59.1 52.8 48.1 44.9 57.9 40.7	.0248 .0223 .0200 .0182 .0170 .0145 .0156	1625 1550 1455 1360 1290 1135 1200	1357 1286 1188 1095 1018 868 934	81.8 85.0 86.3 87.0 86.1 85.5 85.2	19.1 18.7 18.0 18.1 18.1 17.3 17.3	(b)
788 789 790	10	15.0	272 270 268	.725 .730 .735	2.715 2.734 2.755	99.99 100.4	56.5 61.3 47.1	.0213 .0233 .0178	1470 1580 1225	1198 1310 957	82.6 83.5 77.1	17.8 18.4	{e e}
791 792 793 794 795	Î	15.1 15.1 14.9 14.9 15.0	271 266 269 270 266	.980 .965 .965 .950 .955	3.614 3.614 3.558 3.577	133.4	51.3 56.8 62.3 43.9 40.4	.0149 .0163 .0179 .0128 .0117	1160 1210 1280 1060 995	889 944 991 790 729	84.6 82.5 79.5 86.4 66.7	37.2 37.8 	

Blow-out.

Brough burning.

CVery rough burning.

Run	Combus- tor crank setting	Combustor- inlet to- tal pres- sure, P ₁ ,	Combustor- inlet to- tal ten- perature,	Air- flow rate, lb/sec	Air-flow rate per unit area,	Combustor reference velocity, V _r ,	Fuel- flow rate, lb/hr	Fuel- air ratio	Mean combustor- cutlet to- tal tem-	Mean combus- tor tem- perature	Combus- tion ef- ficiency, percent	Total pressure- loss through	Remarks
i		in. Hg abs	T ₁ ,		(sq ft)	ft/sec			perature,	perature rise, F		ocmbustor, in. water	
					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Nodel	20 .		-				
796	o i	8-0	268	0.401	1.502	103.2 102.9	29.0 26.0	0.0201	1265	997	71.8		
797 798			266 270			105.4	22.3	.0180 .0153	1235 1100	969 830	77.3 76.8		(a,b)
799 800		8.1	267 270		<u> </u>	103.0 102.2	22.2 25.7 28.7	.0178 .0199	1190 1235	923 965	74.3 70.1	12.8 12.7	
801	10	8.1 8.1	266 270	.401	1.502	101.6	32.2	.0223	1265 1290	1019 1020	66.5 67.6	12.9 9.6	(b)
808	1	Ţ	273 272	1 -1-		102.6 102.4	35.5 38.4	.0246 .0266	1400 1445	1127 1173	67.6 65.6	9.9	(-,
810 811		8.0 7.8	273 272	.402	1.506	103.9	41.2 31.7	.0286	1490 1280	1217 1008	53.9 57.0	10.4	
822	ρ	14.9	2 71	.741	2.775	102.7	24.6	.0092	870	599	89.3	20.4	
823 830	5	15.0 15.0	268 270	.741 .740	2.775 2.172	101.8	21.4	.0080	790 1540	522 1270	88.9 82.6	19.8 18.7	
853		13,0	270	.739	2.768	101.7	53.3 47.8	.0200	1440 1345	1170 1077	85.4 86.4	18.0	
834 835			268 263	.739 .740	2.772	100.8	42.6	.0160	1235	972	86.8		
836 837		1	269 269		<u> </u>	101.7 101.5	37.9 33.0	.0143 .0124	1160 1060	891 792	88.2 89.4	16.9	
838 844	10	15.0	270 262	.739	2.768	101.7 101.0	25.7 64.2	.0097	900 1595	630 1333	89.5 82.5	17.4	
845 846	Ĩ	13,0	269 265	'']-	2.113	101.9	71.Q 75.2	.0266	1710 1780°	1441 1515	81.7 81.7		(a)
040		<u>`</u>	200	ــــنــــا			1 21	10202		2012			
867	Ŷ	8.0	273	0.396	1.483	102.6	23.0 20.0	0.0161	1030 985	757	66.4	13.0	
868		8.0 8.1	266 265			101.6 100.2	25.5	.0140 -0179	1110	719 845	71.8 67.3	12.8	
870 871		8.0 8.0	266 276	.597	1.487	101.6 105.2	26.£ 30.£	.0199 .0216	1160 1195	894 919	61.5 61.5	15.2	
872 877		8.0 15.0	266 270	.597 .742	1.487	101.8 102.1	34.1 37.9	.0258 .0142	1175 1120	909 850	55.4 84.6		{b} b}
878 879		150	272 272	.741 .740	2.775 2.772	102.2	35.9 I	.0127	1050	778 725	85.8 87.5	21.1	{ š }
880	1	14.9	264	.759	2.768	101.5	30.5 29.0	0109	960	696	88.5	21.0	
881 882	5	15.2 15.0	269 271	.740 .741	2.772 2.775	100.3 102.1	45.4 46.6	.0163	1235 1290	966 1019	84.7 83.5	17.2	
883 884		'	272 272	.740 .741	2.772 2.776	102.1 102.2	49.9 53.6	.0187	1335 1410	1083 1138	83.7 82.7		
885 886	, , ,		264 270	.741 .740	2.775 2.772	101.1	56.6 61.6	.0212	1460 1540	1196 1270	82.4 81.4	18.5	
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937	٩	15.1	266	0.742	2.779	100.8	46.5	0.0174	1310	1044	86.5	19.2	
938 939		15.0 15.1	267 270			101.7 101.4	42.0 40.0	.0157 .0150	1240 1200	975 930	88.2 88.4		45.3
940 941		15.1 15.0	269 267	.740 .740	2.772 2.772	101.4	36.5 49.7	.0137 .0167	1130 1390	861 1125	88.6 97.1	18.6	(b)
942 943	1	15.1 15.0	269 268	.750 .747	2.609 2.798		55.2 57.5	.0205	1460 1500	1191 12 5 2	85.2 84.7		
944	ş	15.0	272	.745	2.790 2.809	102.8	57.8	.0215 .0228	1525 1585	1253 1317	85.7 85.5	19.5	
945 946		15.0 15.1	268 262	.750	2.603	101.4	61.6 65.5	.0242	1640	1378	84.7		
947 948	ŧ	15.0 15.0	267 270			102.7 103.2	68.4 70.5	.0253 .0261	1670 1700	1403 1450	63.0 62.5		
949	10	15.1	272	.745	2.790		70.8	.0264	1710	1438	82.1	19.7	(e)
950 951	Ŷ	8.0	268 . 274	.396 .397	1.483 1.487	105.0	38.7 34.9	.0272	1300 1310	1052 1056	56.1 62.3	12.2	
952 953			264 264	.398 .398	1.463	101.3	31.4 29.5	.0220	1240 1190	976 926	64.3 65.2		
954 955			269	396 396	1.483		26.3 37.1	.0185	1300	1051	58.3	12.5	(d)
957	4	8.0	273 -	.398	1.491	103.1	44.7	.0312	1400	1127	54.2	11.4	(4) (1)
958 960		7.9	;	-398	1.491		40.7 50.2	.0284 .0351	1300°				\ a }
961 962	{	8.1 8.0	270 273	-397 -396	1.487 1.483		45.8 41.5	.0328	1410 1370	1140 1097	52.5 56.2		

TABLE II. - Continued. EXPERIMENTAL DATA

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aNear blow-out.

bRough burning.

CApproximate temperature just before blow-out.

dBlow-out.

encisy combustion.

Somewhat unstable.



TABLE II. - Continued. EXPERIMENTAL DATA

Run	Combus- tor crank setting	Combustor- inlet to- tal pres- sure, P ₁ , in. Hg abs	Combustor- inlet to- tal tem- perature, T ₁ , o _p	iir- flow rate, Ib/sec	Air-flow rate per unit area, lb/(sec) (sq ft)	Combustor reference velocity, Y _r , ft/sec	Fuel- flow rate, lb/hr	Fuel air ratio	Mean combustor- outlet to- tal tem- perature, Og	Mean combus- tor ten- perature rise,	Combus- tion ef- ficiency, percent	Total pressure- loss through combustor, in. water	Remarks
	Nodel 25												
990 994 995	00	8.0 15.0 8.0	270 272 271 275 267	0.396 .742 .395 .395 .394	1.483 2.779 1.479 1.479 1.476	102.1 102.4 102.0 102.6 101.2	0 0 44.4 29.5 26.5	0 0 0.0312 .0206 .0187	1100 1055 1010	0 0 829 780 743	39.3 54.3 56.5	9.9 16.9 12.0 11.6	{a} a}
996 997 998 999			272 268 270 270			101.9 101.4 101.6 101.6	23.8 22.0 19.5 42.0	.0168 .0155 .0138 .0297	955 675 820 1120	683 607 550 850	57.5 54.8 55.5 42.2	11.8	
1001 1007	5 5	8.1 8.0	274 268	.393 .395	1.472 1.479	100.7 101.6	45.8 26.5	.0324 .0187	13,60 960	1086 6 92	50.4 52.7	10.5 9.5	
1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015	10	8.0	256 265 263 263 270 271	.395 .394 .395	1.479	101.3 101.1 101.5 100.7 101.6 102.0	43.4 40.9 36.0 45.5 49.1 54.1	.0306 .0288 .0254 .0321 .0347 .0380	1320 1305 1220 1360 1460 1505	1054 1039 951 1097 1190 1234	51.5 53.5 54.8 51.4 52.2 49.8	10.3	(b)
1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022		14.9 14.9 15.0	269 269 272 266 269 269 269	.755 .733 .755 .757 .740 .755 .735	2.753 2.745 2.753 2.760 2.772 2.753 2.753	101.7 101.4 101.4 101.1 101.7 101.0 101.0	48.1 44.4 40.4 55.8 32.5 46.8 52.6	.0182 .0169 .0153 .0135 .0122 .0177 .0199	1210 1155 1075 985 915 1190 1285	941 886 803 717 646 921 1016	74.2 75.0 74.4 74.4 73.5 74.6 74.0	19.5 19.6	(A.A.A.)
1025 1026 1027 1028 1029 1031	5	15.0	267 264 268 270 267 273	.757 .745 .757 .755 .742 .760	2.760 5.790 2.760 2.753 2.779 2.772	101.0 101.6 101.1 101.1 101.7 102.2	64.7 58.9 53.6 48.4 44.9 70.0	.0243 .0220 .0202 .0183 .0168 .0263	1545 1445 1340 1240 1145 1630	1278 1181 1072 970 878 1357	78.0 79.0 77.2 76.4 74.4 77.6	18.1	
1033 1034 1035 1036 1037 1038	10	15.0 15.0 14.9 15.0 14.9 15.0	269 263 268 268 271 272	.740	2.772	101.7 100.8 102.2 101.5 102.6 102.4	77.9 81.3 73.4 67.1 61.3 55.2	.0292 .0305 .0276 .0252 .0230	1795 1840 1720 1630 1510 1320	1526 1577 1452 1362 1239 1098	79.6 79.2 79.6 81.0 79.5 77.5	18.0 	
				2 -			1 26						
	Ĵ	15.0 15.0 8.0	269 269 279	0.741 .928 .397	2.775 3.476 1.487	101.8 127.5 103.7	Î	Î	==	Î	===	16.7 30.0 10.1	(a) (a)
1042 1043 1044 1045 1050 1051	2.5	8.0 7.9 8.0	272 277 275 272 266 274	.597	1.487	102.7 104.7 103.1 102.7 101.8 103.0	39.5 32.7 29.8 27.1 44.7 47.5	0.0277 .0228 .0209 .0190 .0513 .0534	1500 1370 1325 1220 1520 1480	1226 1093 1050 948 1254 1206	56.4 70.1 73.1 72.0 60.6 55.0	11.3	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
1054 1055 1056 1057 1058 1059	0	14.9 15.0 14.9 15.0	264 286 275 275 264 262	.742 .742 .740 .740 .745 .740	2.779 2.779 2.772 2.772 2.790 2.772	101.9 101.5 102.9 102.2 101.6 100.7	48.5 44.7 40.7 57.1 32.5 29.8	.0181 .0168 .0153 .0139 .0121 .0112	1530 1270 1185 1130 1020 975	1066 1004 912 857 756 713	85.2 86.0 84.8 87.0 87.0 88.5	19.5	<u> </u>
1060 1061 1062 1063 1064 1065 1066	()	15.0 15.1 15.0	278 268 280 266 267 265 270	.742 .740 .742	2.779 2.772 2.779 2.772	101.7 101.4 101.8	53.6 51.2 47.5 57.3 61.0 66.0 71.6	.0201 .0192 .0178 .0214 .0228 .0247 .0269	1450 1390 1330 1510 1570 1640 1720	1152 1122 1050 1244 1303 1375 1450	84.0 84.8 85.4 85.3 84.5 83.2 81.5	21.0	
1071 1072 1073	P I	15.0 15.0 15.1	266 268 270	.973 .965 .980	3.614 3.670	155.1 152.4 155.9	43.1 39.0 30.6	.0125 .0112 .0087	1025 965 600	759 697 530	86.0 86.2 83.6	===	
1074 1075 1076 1077 1078 1079	1.5	15.0 15.1 15.0	280 280 260 278 264 265	.970 .980 .980 .970 .975	3.633 3.670 5.670 5.633 3.652 3.633		58.7 51.8 45.2 64.9 71.6 76.6	.0168 .0147 .0128 .0186 .0204	1270 1185 1980 1375 1435 1495	990 905 800 1097 1171 1230	84.6 87.5 87.5 85.6 83.8 82.6		

⁸No burning.

^bRough burning

^cBlow-out.

^dVery rough burning.

TABLE II. - Continued. EXPERIMENTAL DATA

Run	Combus- tor crank setting	Combustor- inlet to- tal pres- sure, Pi, in. Hg abs	Combustor- inlet to- tal tem- perature, Ti, op	Air- flow rate, lb/sec	Air-flow rate per unit area, lb/(sec) (sq ft)	velocity, V _r , ft/sec	Fuel- flow rate, lb/hr	Fuel air ratio	Mean combustor- cutlet to- tal tem- perature,	Mean combus- tor tem- perature rise,	Combus- tion ef- ficiency, percent	Total pressure- loss through combustor, in. water	Remarks
<u> </u>	,					Mod			1				
1179 1180	0	8.0 15.0 15.0 8.0	271 266 263 266 267	0.398 .748 .965 .397 .395	1.491 2.801 3.614 1.487 1.479	102.8 102.3 131.5 101.8 101.4	35.2 30.6	0.0246 .0215	1425 1335	1159 1068	69.6 72.3	9.7 16.8 29.0 12.5	(a) (a)
1181 1182 1183 1184 1185			264 267 268 268 268	.397	1.487	101.6 102.0 102.1 102.1 101.8	27.1 22.0 18.4 24.9 36.8	.0189 .0154 .0129 .0174 .0257	1250 1110 1015 1195 1455	986 843 747 927 1189	74.9 77.5 81.2 76.1 68.5	11.5	{b}
1186	1	1	269	700	1	102.3	42.0	.0294	1445	1176	59.9		(0)
1187 1196 1197 1198 1199 1200	2.5	8.1 15.0	268 264 264 265 267 266	.398 .737 .739 .740 .742 .745	1.491 2.760 2.768 2.772 2.779 2.790	101.1 100.5 100.8 101.1 101.7 101.2	55.5 41.8 57.7 54.4 29.8 24.9	.0232 .0158 .0142 .0129 .0112 .0093	1300 1215 1135 1070 975 880	951 871 805 708 614	86.0 86.7 87.4 88.1 90.9	11.7	(b)
1201 1202 1203 1204 1205		15.0	263 266 266 264 266	.743 .743 .742	2.783 2.783 2.779	101.2 101.7 101.5 101.2 101.5	20.9 32.7 45.2 48.6 53.1	.0078 .0122 .0169 .0182 .0198	780 1035 1270 1335 14.0	517 769 1004 1071 1144	90.0 87.9 85.1 85.0 83.8	20.7	
1217 1218 1219 1220 1221 1223	7.5	15.0	266 264 266 263 268 264	.739 .742 .742 .745	2.768 2.779 2.779 2.790	101.1 101.2 101.5 101.5 101.9 101.6	74.4 74.4 79.5 68.5 59.4 59.2	.0280 .0279 .0298 .0248 .0222	1720 1780 1875 1680 1550 1530	1454 1516 1609 1417 1284 1266	78.8 82.4 82.9 85.6 85.6 85.6	20.0	(b) (d) (d)
1224 1225 1226			266 265 264	.742 .741 .742	2.779 2.775 2.779	101.5 101.2 101.2	54.4 69.5 78.0	.0204 .0261 .0292	1420 1690 1860	1154 1425 1596	62.8 82.3 85.5	17.9	
1228 1229 1230 1231 1232	.a .	15.0	258 264 263 262 267	.964 .963 .964 .963	3.610 3.607 3.610 3.607	152.2 131.4 131.3 131.0 131.9	48.1 44.1 40.4 56.0 31.7	.0139 .0127 .0116 .0104 .0091	1120 1055 985 930 860	852 791 732 668 593	86.6 87.0 67.6 88.9 89.4	34.5	(b)
1235 1254 1235 1236 1237 1238		14.9 15.0	265 262 266 265 266 262	.964 .963	3.610 3.607	131.6 132.0 131.8 131.6 151.8	27.8 23.5 50.7 57.4 60.5 63.4	.0081 .0068 .0147 .0166 .0174 .0183	800 720 1155 1250 1290 1315	535 458 889 985 1024 1053	90.1 91.0 85.6 85.0 84.4 83.2		(b) (b)
1240 1241	5	15.0 15.0	264 267	.963	3.607 3.607 5.629	151.4 151.9 151.7	67.1 72.6 81.8	.0193 .0209	1370 1445 1575	1108 1178 1309	83.0 82.4 82.7	31.8	
1244 1245 1248 1249	10 10 15	15.1 15.0 15.0	266 262 266 264	.969 .967 .963	5.622 5.607	151.6 151.8 151.4	85.8 94.0 101.8	.0248 .0271	1650 1760 1670	1388 1494 1406	84.0 83.4 72.5		(b)
1250		<u> </u>	267	1	<u> † </u>	131.9	85.2	.0248	1650	1583	84.0		{d}
1505		8.0	007	0.397	1.487	102.0	29.5	0.0207	1330	1063	74.8	13.2	
1328 1328 1329 1330 1331	5		267 270 27 <u>4</u> 270 269	0.357	1.407	102.4 103.0 102.4 102.3	35.0 35.4 37.9 42.0	.0231 .0248 .0268 .0294	1380 1435 1535 1640	1110 1161 1265 1371	70.6 69.4 71.3 70.5	===	(b)
1332 1334 1335 1336 1338		8.1 8.0 8.0	262 262 269 262 271			100.0 101.5 102.5	45.9 27.1 25.6 20.6 24.6	.0308 .0190 .0165 .0144 .0172	1600 ⁶ 1270 1160 1000 ⁶ 1190	1558 1008 891 758 919	66.0 78.5 78.8 71.8 76.2	13.0	(a) (a)
1339 1340 1341	10 10	8.0 8.0 8.1	266 266 264	.397 .397	1.487 1.487	101.8 101.8 100.5	36.0 39.2 43.6	.0252 .0274 .0306	1480 1585 1670	1214 1319 1406	71.5 72.1 69.8		(o)
1342 1343 1344 1346 1346	0	15.0 15.1 15.0	267 269 274 275 272	.960 .975 .967 .960 .972	5.596 5.652 5.622 5.596 5.640	131.5 133.1 133.8 132.6 134.1	47.6 42.6 38.2 34.7 50.0	.0138 .0121 .0110 .0100 .0086	1120 1050 970 905 820	853 761 696 632 548	87.4 67.6 88.1 86.9 67.4	37.8	
1347 1348 1349 1350 1351			268 274 261 261	.972 .967 .975 .975 .962	3.640 3.622 3.652 3.652 3.603	133.3 133.8 132.5 132.5	24.9 18.7 46.5 53.1 57.8	.0071 .0054 .0132 .0151 .0167	740 640 1090 1195 1260	472 566 829 934	89.9 90.9 86.2 87.7 85.6	35.6	(b,f)

Blow-out.

dvery rough burning.

eApproximate temperature just before blow-out. fixear blow-out.

TABLE II. - Concluded. EXPERIMENTAL DATA

										ALI DA			
Run	Combus- tor orank setting	Combustor- inlet to- tal pres- sure, P1,	Combustor- inlet to- tal tem- perature,	Air- flow rate, lb/sec	Air-flow rate per unit area,	Combustor reference velocity, V _r ,	Fuel- flow rate, lb/hr	Fuel sir ratio	Mean combustor- outlet to- tal tem-	Hean eccibus- tor tem- perature	Combus- tion ef- ficiency, percent	Total pressure- loss through	Renarks
		in. Hg abs	o _F		lb/(sec) (sq ft)	ft/sec			perature,	rise,		in. water	
	-					Mod	el 41		•				
1459 1460	Ŷ	8,0	264 272	0.391 .390	1.464	99.99 100.9	29.0 34.7	.0247	1290 1435	1026 1163	72.3 69.6	11.2	
1461	ĺ		272 270	.394 .394	1.476	101.9	38.1 30.5	.0269 .0214	1485 1325	1213 1055	67.4 72.0	11.4	
1464		15.0	268 269	-393 -967	3.622	101.1 152.9	26.5 45.4	.0188 .0125	1210 1045	942 776	72.3 87.1	32.2	(a,b)
1465			268 265	-967 -962	3.622 5.605	132.7 131.4	38.1 35.7	.0109	950 890	682 625	86.7 85.6		(ъ)
1467 1468			268 262	.967 .969	3.622 3.629	152.7 131.8	48.3 51.5	.0139 .0148	1125 1170	857 908	87.0 87.3	===	
1469 1470			263 262			132.0 131.8	55.7 60.5	.0160 .0173	1215 1250	952 988	85.0 81.9	34.6	
1471 1472	{	1	267	_		132.7	67.3 29.2	.0193 .0084	1260	993	74.1	=	(b)
						Mode	1 42						
1482 1483	î	15.0 15.1	256 270	0.970	3.633 3.652	130.9 133.2	60.0 65.5	0.0172 .0186	1240 1295	984 1025	82.C 79.4	34.9	(a)
1484	.	15.0 15.0	264 267	.972 .975	3.640 3.852	152.6 155.6	71.3 76.6	.0204	1360 1400	1096 1133	78.1 78.0	37.0	(3)
1486		15.1 15.0	272 280	.974 .965	3.648	135.5 134.6	79.5 85.6	.0227	1450 1470	1178	78.5 71.6		(b) (b)
1488 1489			266 260	.975 .975	3.652 3.652	135.4 132.3	89.4 56.5	.0255	1390	1124	65.3	38.3	{ d }
1490 1491	·		267 265	.735 .740	2.755 2.772	100.7 101.3	44.2	.0167	1265 1370	1018 1104	87.5 86.1	20.1	(b)
1492 1493		}	270 266	.745 .742	2.790 2.779	102.5 101.5	55.0 60.2	.0205 .0225	1450 1540	1180 1274	84.3 83.5		(b)
1494 1495		15.1 15.0	250 255	.745 .742	2.790 2.779	100.4 99.97	56.5 72.6	.0248	1650 1720	1370 1465	82.0 81.5	22.3	
1496			268 256	.743 .742	2.785 2.779	101.9 100.1	77.0 57.8	.0288	1790 1505	1522 1249	80.6 84.9		, , l
1498	<u> </u>	•	258	.750	2.809	101.5 Mode	35.2 1 46	.0131				<u> </u>	(c)
1555 1556	Ŷ	8.1 8.0	265 268	0.393	1.472	99.44 101.1	34.9 38.2	0.0247	1420 1500	1155 1252	69.0 68.0		(h)
1557 1558			274 269			101.9	41.5 45.0	.0294	1580 1665	1306 1396	67.2 67.0		(b) (b)
1560 1561			275 275	1	1	101.8	32.5 29.5	.0250 .0209	1355 1260	1082 987	69.1 68.4		,
1562 1563			270 266	.592 .592 .593	1.468 1.468 1.472	101.1	26.9 25.0	.0190	1180 1095	910 829	68.5 72.2	10.9	
1564 1565		7.9 8.0	265 268	.392	1.468	101.7	18.9	.0134	960 960	695 692	72.5 69.5		
1566 1567			259	.393	1.472	101.2 101.1	17.5	.0124 .0112	900°	631 580	70.8		
1568 1569			270 271 270	.392	1.466	101.2	15.8 13.8 11.8	.0098	760 660	489 390	71.4 68.3 63.2	10.3	(6)
1570 1571			268 268	.393 .392	1.472 1.468	101.1	11.2	.0079	605 510	337 242	57.6 45.9		(a) (a) (b)
1576	2.5	8.05	268	.392	1.468	100.2	49.4	.0350	1740	1672	64.9		(b)
1578 1579	5 5	8.05 8.0	263 266	-390 -391	1.461	99.03 100-3	53.9 58.1	.0384	1750 1860	1487 1594	60.3 60.8	===	{ d }
1606 1607	Ŷ	15.0	268 265	.983 .995	3.682 3.727	134.9 136.0	50.4 57.5	.0142 .0161	1075 1170	907 905	79.8 80.5	<u> </u>	ŀ
1608 1609			266 267	1.000	5.745 5.933	157.2 143.9	64.5 74.7	.0179 .0198	1245 1395	977 1128	78.2 63.0	<u></u>	
1610 1611			267 264	.993 .997	3.719 3.734	136.0	80.5 88.7	.0225	1505 1555	1258 1291	80.9 77.7	<u></u>	(b)
1612a 1612b			267	.990	3.708 3.708	135.6	94.6 101.7	.0265	1645	1378	77.9	===	(b) (c)
1613 1614		14.9 15.0	265 266	.987 .990	5.697 5.708	135.8 135.4	48.4 43.9	.0136 .0123	1035 965	770 689	79.3 79.0	==	
1615 1616			263 267			134.9 135.6	58.2 52.8	.0107	905 830	642 563	82.5 83.8	==	(b)
1617 1618		14.8	267	.992 .993	3.715 3.718	135.9	27.1 20.0	.0076 .0056	745	478	85.5	==	(a)
1619 1620		15.0	268 265	.782 .782	2.929	107.3	38.4 43.6	.0156	1025	757 850	77.8 77.6		(b)
1621 1622			265 269	. 785 . 783	2.940 2.933	107.2	48.9 54.7	.0173 .0194	1205 1530	940 1061	77.9 79.1		{ b }
1623 1624			267 268	.780	2.921	106.8 107.0	61.0 66.5	.0217	1460 1580	1193 1312	80.5 82.4	19.9	(b)
1625 1626			268 263			107.0 106.3	71.3 76.5	.0254 .0272	1655 1750	1587 1487	81.6 82.6	===	{b}
1627 1628	5	† 14.9	268 268	.782 .780	2.929 2.92I	107.3 107.7	78.9 79.2	.0280	1805 1780	1537 1512	85.4 81.4		(b)
1629	Ģ	15.0	265	.782	2.929	105.8	37.4	.0133	1050	785	82.7		
1630 1631 1632		15.0 14.9 15.0	263 268 268	.780 .778 .782	2.921 2.914 2.929	106.3 107.5 107.3	31.7 26.8 21.7	.0113 .0096 .0077	960 895 760	697 627 492	85.6 90.1 88.7		(p)
1633		13,0	269	.785	2.933	107.6	22.1	.0079	755	456	83.6	==	
1634 1635 1636			268 264 264	.765 .780 .775	2.865 2.921 2.803	104.9 106.4 105.7	19.6 19.4 17.6	.0071	700 670 575	432 406 311	82.3 79.3 68.0		(h)
1657	ł	t		.775	2.905		16.1	.0058					{a}_
Syen							ORIO						

Breen blow-out.

bRough burning.

OBlow-out.

dwery rough burning.

TABLE III. - DATA OF COMBUSTORS OF DIFFERENT SIZE

Refer-		Combusto	or type	Dimens	ions	Com	bustion e	fficienc	y, perce	at
ence	bus- tor	Produc- tion	Experi- mental	Maximum combustor	Hy- draulic	V _r /P _i T _i =	100X10-6	v _r /P _i	r _i = 248	×10 ⁻⁶
				cross- sectional area,	radius,	From ref. 12	Temper- ature rise,	From ref. 12	Temper- ature rise,	Temper- ature rise.
				sq in.		(a)	680° F	(a)	680° F	1180 ⁶ F
12	A B C D	X X X	x	234.4 234.4 74.8 74.8	0.65 .76 1.13 1.13	64.0 64.0 69.0 79.5		(b) (b) (b) (b)		
	E	X		58.5	.59	<<40.0				
	F G H J	X X X	X X	354.0 420.0 420.0 38.5 38.5	.56 2.32 2.32 1.35 1.35	54.5 96.5 95.0 85.5 77.5		(b) 67.0 65.0 40.0 38.0		
	K L M N	x x x x		69.4 69.4 69.4 103.8	1.79 1.79 1.79 2.38	83.0 83.5 76.0 68.0		54.0 51.0 47.0 (c)		
11 3 14 9 10	- - - -		x x x x	420.0 70.9 69.4 38.5 38.5	2.32 2.06 1.62 1.40 1.39		97.5 96.0 ^d 95.0 92.0 79.0		82.0 ^d 77.0 ^d 87.5 (c) (b)	80.0 ^d 86.0 79.0 75.0 (b)
5 5 15 5 13 Variab	- - - -	x x x	x x	38.5 38.5 420.0 69.4 922.0	1.35 1.35 2.00 1.79 2.50 ^d		78.0 66.0 100.0 80.0 85.0		(b) 57.0 91.0 ^d 70.0 (c)	(b) 71.0 87.0 ^d (b) (c)
area, model	29		х	38.5	1.36		89.0 ^d		82.0 ^d	68.0

^aReciprocal of V_r/P_iT_i used in ref. 12. bBeyond burning limit.

CData not obtained.

dEstimated value.

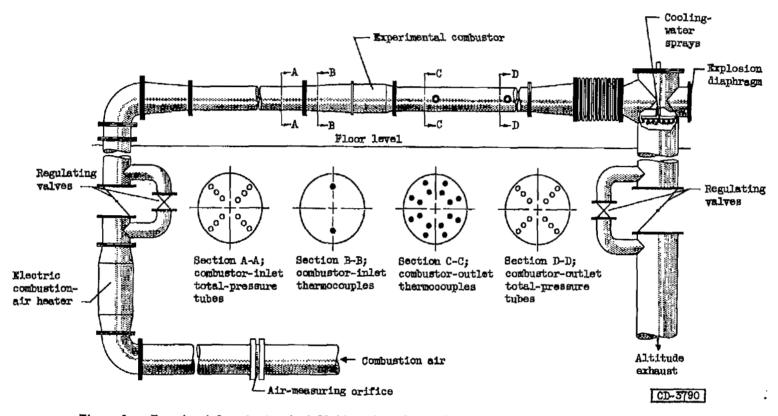
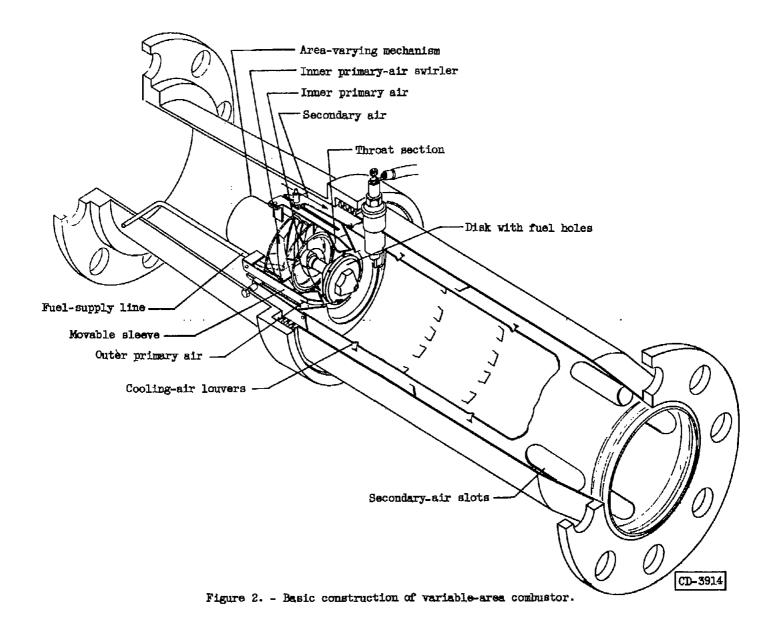


Figure 1. - Experimental-combustor installation, including inlet and outlet ducting and instrumentation stations.



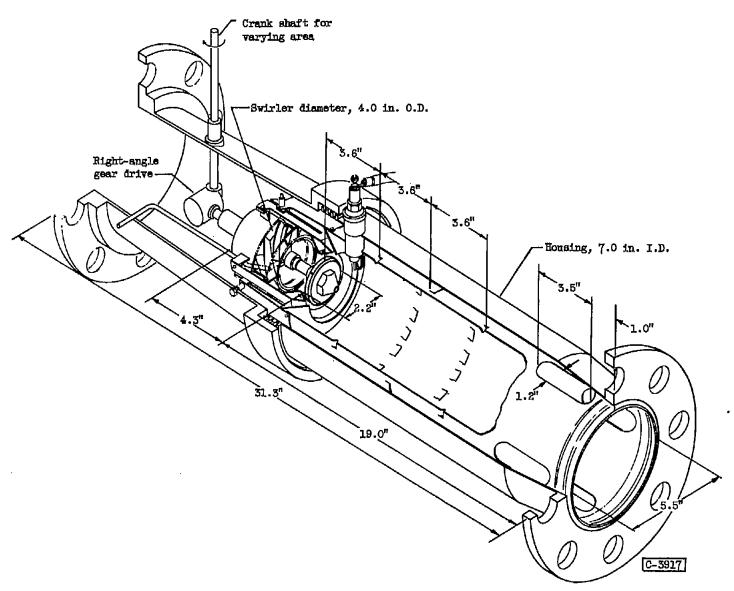


Figure 3. - Mechanical positioner and basic dimensions of variable-area combustors investigated.

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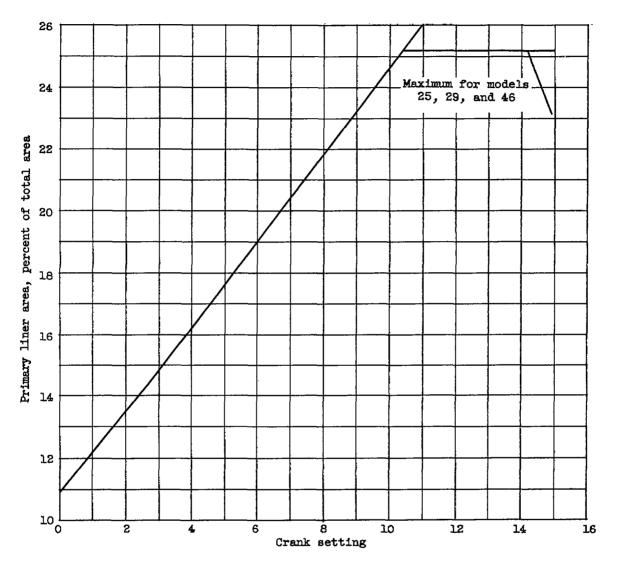


Figure 4. - Variation of primary-air areas with crank setting for variable-area combustor.

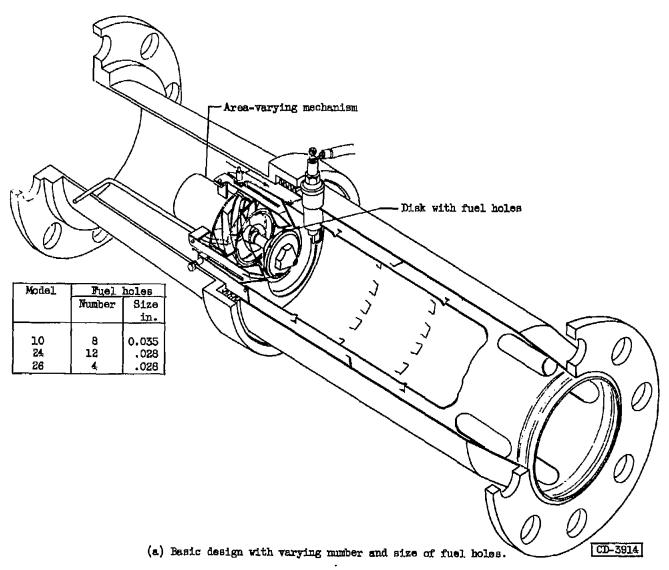


Figure 5. - Experimental variable-area combustor configurations.

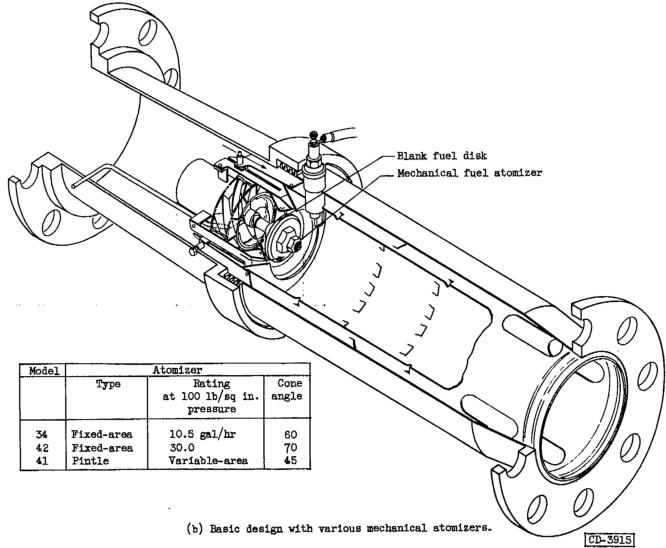


Figure 5. - Continued. Experimental variable-area combustor configurations.

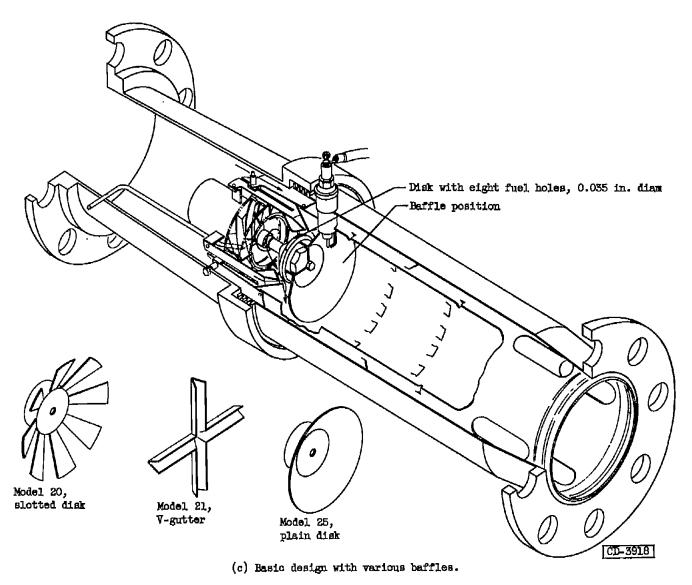
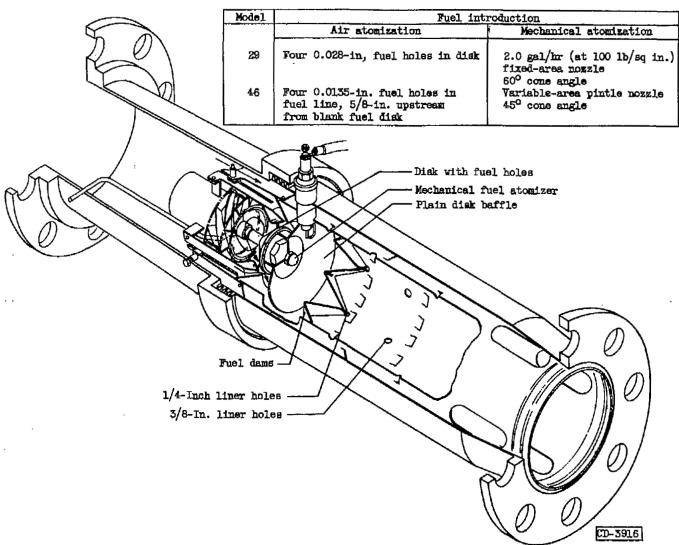


Figure 5. - Continued. Experimental variable-area combustor configurations.



(d) Combinations of various liner configurations and atomization methods.

Figure 5. - Concluded. Experimental variable-area combustor configurations.

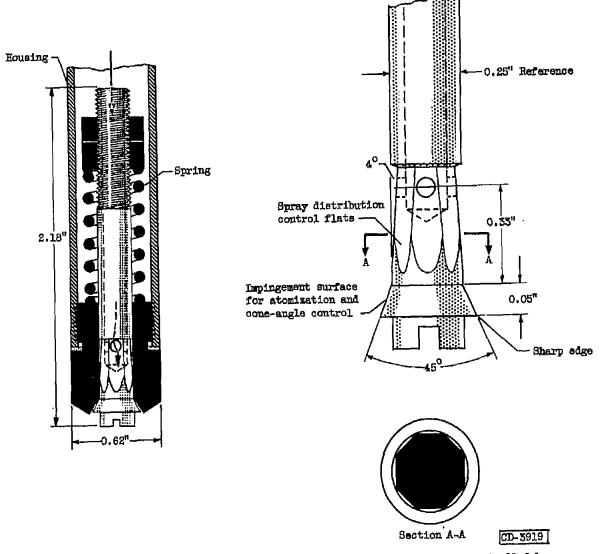
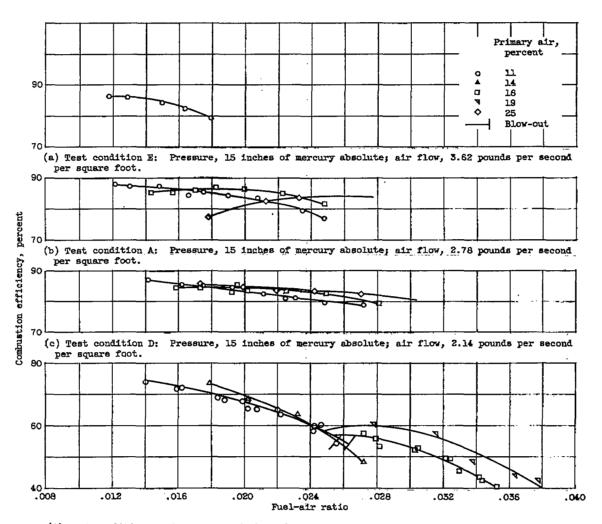


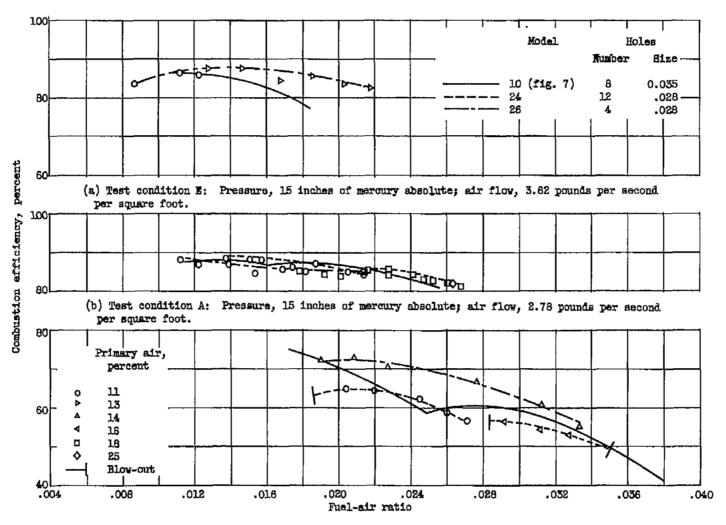
Figure 6. - Variable-area pintle atomizer with spray distribution controlled by eight equal streaks.

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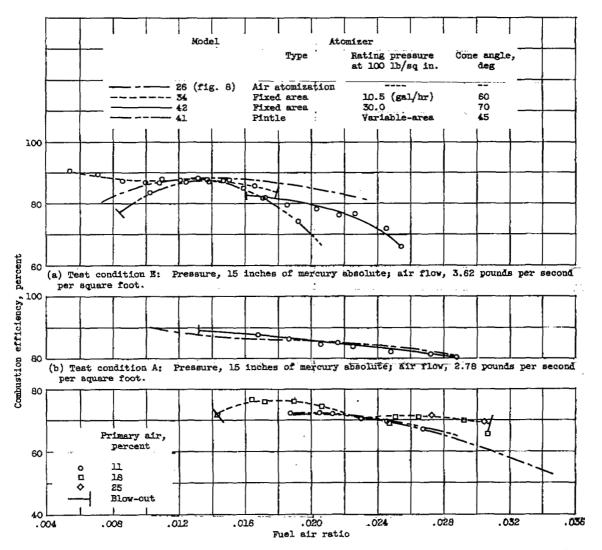
(d) Test condition B: Pressure, 8 inches of mercury absolute; air flow, 1.48 pounds per second per square foot.

Figure 7. - Combustion efficiency of model 10, a basic variable-area combustor, showing effect of variable primary-air flow.



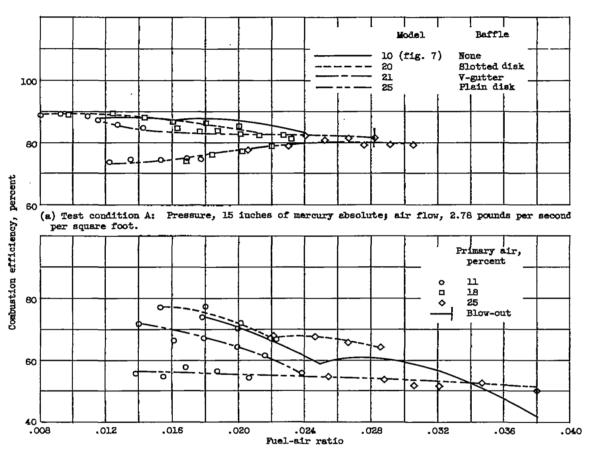
(c) Test condition B: Pressure, 8 inches of mercury absolute; air flow, 1.48 pounds per second per square foot.

Figure 8. - Effect of number of holes in fuel disk on combustion efficiency of variable-area combustor with air atomization.



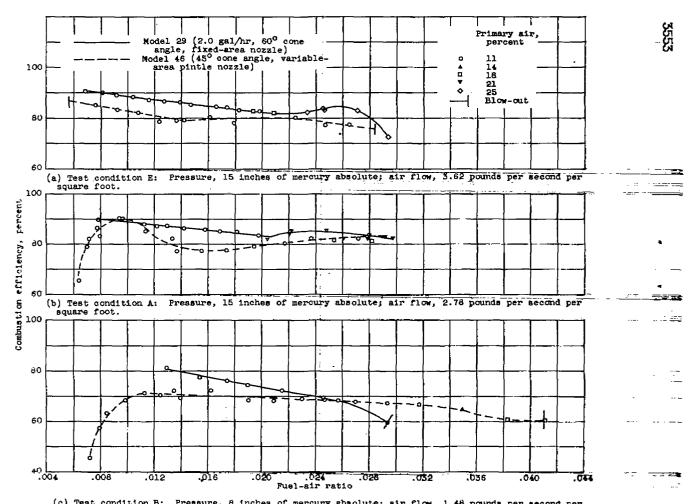
(c) Test condition B: Pressure, 8 inches of mercury absolute; air flow, 1.48 pounds per second per square foot.

Figure 9. - Combustion efficiency performance of variable-area combustor with mechanical and air atomization.



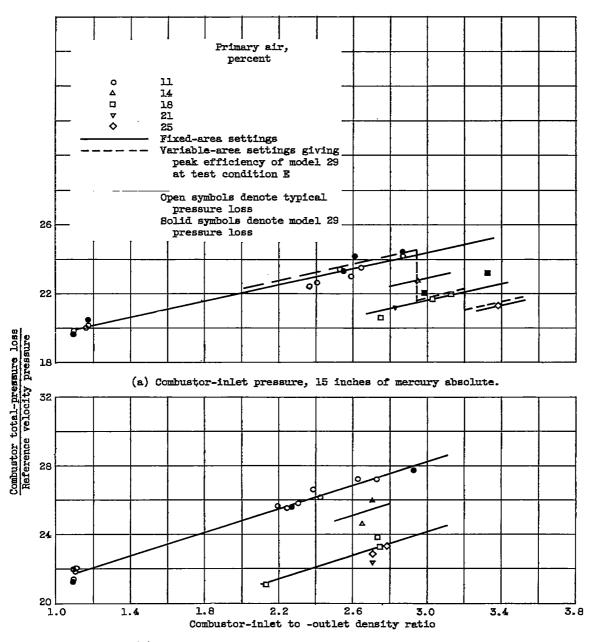
(b) Test condition B: Pressure, 8 inches of mercury absolute; air flow, 1.48 pounds per second per square foot.

Figure 10. - Combustion efficiency of variable-area combustor with several baffles installed; air atomization of fuel.



(c) Test condition B: Pressure, 8 inches of mercury absolute; air flow, 1.48 pounds per second per square foot.

Figure 11. - Performance of best models of variable-area combustor with plain disk baffle, liner holes and fuel dams, and air and mechanical atomization.



(b) Combustor-inlet pressure, 8 inches of mercury absolute.

Figure 12. - Pressure-loss characteristics of several variable-area combustors with plain disk baffles.

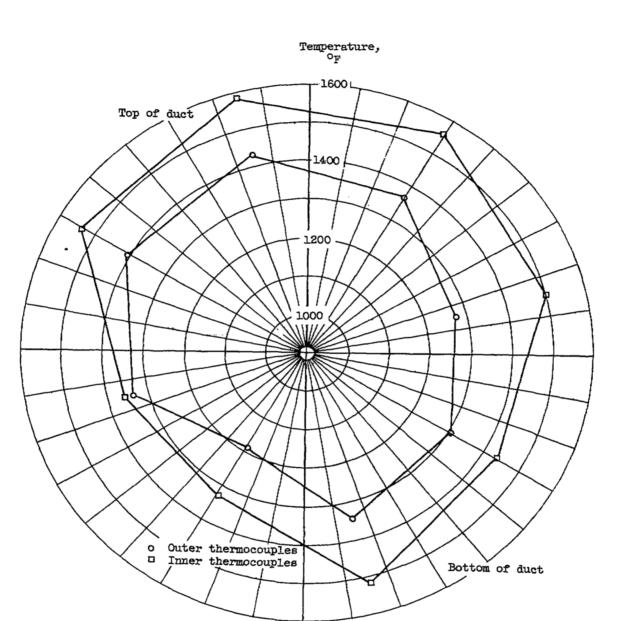


Figure 13. - Typical outlet-temperature profile for variable-area combustor. Model 29. Average temperature, 1420° F.

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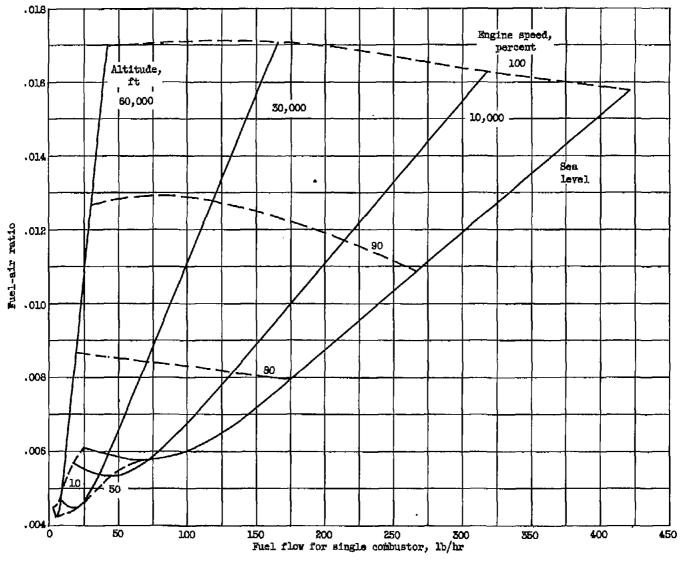


Figure 14. - Variation of fuel-air ratio with fuel flow at several altitudes for typical turbojet engine. Flight Mach number, 0.8; 100-percent combustion efficiency assumed.

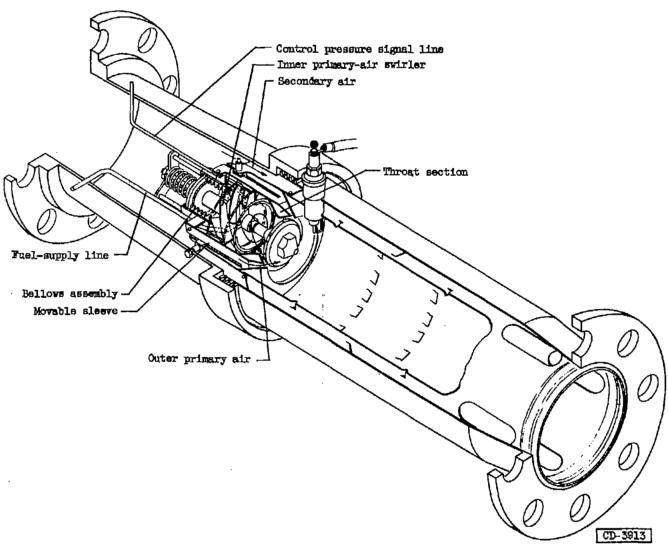


Figure 15. - Variable-area combustor showing one method of controlling primary-air flow.

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(c) Test condition B: Pressure, 8 inches of mercury absolute; air flow, 1.48 pounds per second per square foot.

Fuel-air ratio

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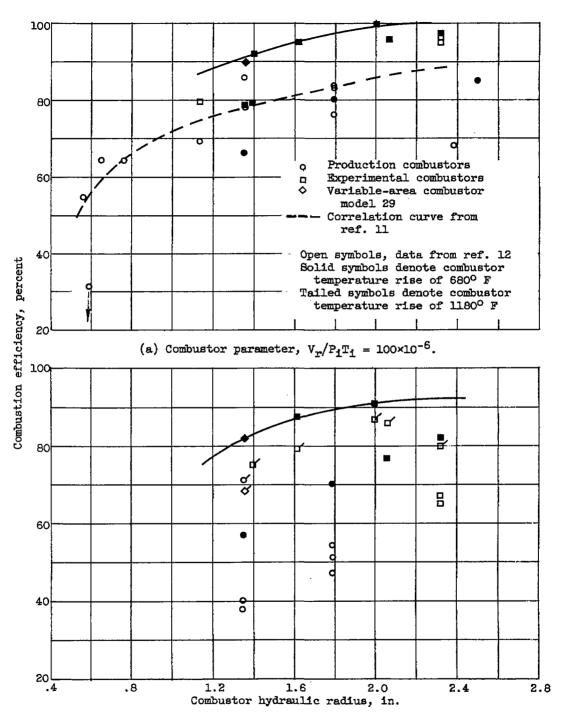
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Figure 16. - Comparison of combustion efficiency performance of several combustor designs in 7-inch-diameter duct.

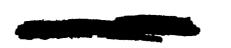


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(b) Combustor parameter, $V_r/P_iT_i = 248 \times 10^{-6}$.

Figure 17. - Variation of combustion efficiency with combustor hydraulic radius for several production and experimental combustors.





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